



**FSU-NEW LANDS:** Dry weather prevailed over Kazakstan and southern Urals, Russia, favoring spring grain harvesting. Reports from Kazakstan as of September 5 indicated that grain was about 35 percent harvested. Elsewhere in Russia, wet, cool weather (10-42 mm or more) in Western Siberia slowed spring grain maturation and early harvesting. Weekly temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees C below normal in Kazakstan and Russia. In cotton-producing areas of Central Asia, unseasonably hot, dry weather favored boll maturation and harvesting. Weekly temperatures averaged 2 to 4 degrees C above normal in Central Asia.